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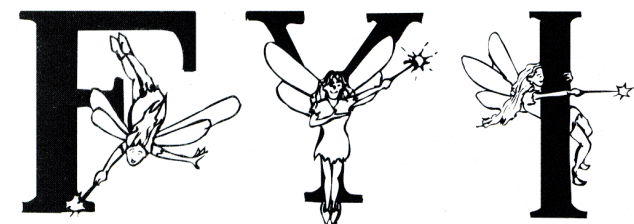
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# Gleanings

NEWSLETTER - UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - COLUMBIA DISTRICT



Greetings to my Sisters in Christ!

My name is Sandra Love your new Communications Coordinator! I am excited about my new job and happy to be apart of the Team on the District Level. I look forward to receiving your news worthy articles. This newsletter is published quarterly. It is sent free of charge to the President, Secretary and Communications Coordinator of each local unit (if your unit has all of these officers). For other persons in your church that wish to receive a copy, you may purchase a subscription at the very low price of \$4.00 per subscription per year.

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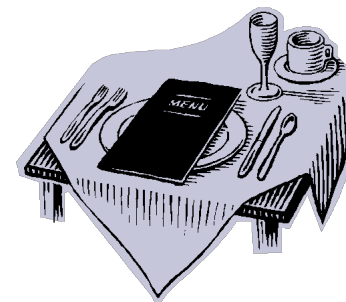
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The Columbia District Presents

“COME TO THE TABLE”



SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

COLUMBIA DISTRICT'S  
 THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church  
 1005 Asbury Drive  
 Columbia, SC

Registration: 8:15 – 9:00 A.M.

Program: 9:00 A.M.

Guest Speaker:

**MARY JOHNSON, President**  
 South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women

Coffee will be served during registration in the Fellowship Hall

Honoring  
 Columbia District Women of the Year

Lunch served directly following the meeting

# President's Message

## A Prayer for Living out God's Plan

By Elizabeth George  
"Life Management for Busy Women"

**Pray over your priorities** – "Lord, what is Your will for me at this time in my life?"

**Plan through your priorities** – "Lord, what must I do today to accomplish Your will?"

**Prepare a schedule based on your priorities** – "Lord, when should I do the things that live out these priorities today?"

**Proceed to implement your priorities** – "Lord thank You for giving me Your direction for my day."

**Purpose to check your progress** – "Lord, I only have a limited time left in my day. What important tasks do I need to focus on for the remainder of the day?"

**Prepare for tomorrow** – "Lord, how can I better live out Your plan for my life tomorrow?"

**Praise God at the end of the day** – "Lord, thank You for a meaningful day, for a day well spent, for I have offered my life and this day to You as a living sacrifice."

As United Methodist Women, we lived out God's plan by attending the School of Christian Missions. The studies were very informative and 38 ladies attended. The scholarship winner for the district was Gay Winter and she is a member of Ashland United Methodist Church. Plan to attend in 2010.

As we prepare for tomorrow, we should plan to attend the Columbia District Annual Meeting on September 19, 2009 at Asbury Memorial UMC and the South Carolina Conference Annual Meeting on October 9th – 10th, 2009 at Trinity UMC in Sumter, SC. Don't miss these two exciting events.

We **must** not forget the Killingsworth Gala! This is a night for food, fellowship, the silent auction and a beautiful fashion show. Mark your calendar for November 12, 2009 and reserve your tickets now.

The ladies of the Columbia District have so many wonderful events and projects. I attended a delicious Salad Supper at Cayce United Methodist Church and they will donate food to the Ronald McDonald House. Chapin's United Methodist Women made 400 disposable pads for Zambia. The Shandon UMW Garage Sale is always filled with bargains. Keep up the good work Columbia District UMW.

When I praise God at the end of the day, I humbly thank him for all of my blessings. Thank you for allowing me to serve and represent you.

Blessings to you, *Betty Void*

## United Methodist Women Launches Assembly 2010

Conference Engages Thousands of Christian Women in Fellowship for Mission Under Theme of "Faith • Hope • Love in Action"



On April 30-May 2, in St. Louis, Mo., a broad and diverse gathering of women will convene Assembly 2010 – a three-day conference hosted by United Methodist Women celebrating and empowering women of faith in mission for women, children, and youth. Assembly 2010 will build a constituency capable of generating bold action across the globe. Inspired by faith and activated by justice, Assembly 2010 is a movement of women from all walks of life. Women will come together as one body to worship, fellowship with each other, and also to address and act upon issues affecting women, children and youth. The Assembly theme of "Faith • Hope • Love in Action" solidifies this

gathering into a movement for all women of faith.

This event represents one of the largest and most diverse groups of women of faith from the largest denominational faith organization for women, United Methodist Women. A historic quadrennial event that attracts thousands, United Methodist Women's Assembly has taken place since 1942, and has always been a gathering place to rejoice and mobilize women in mission for women, children and youth.

The theme of "Faith • Hope • Love in Action" includes a vision statement and scripture passage (Colossians 1:3-6) guiding the collective vision for Assembly 2010.

The vision statement reads:

As United Methodist Women who are disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to share...

**Faith:** Our belief in the promise of a new heaven and a new earth.

**Hope:** Our expectation of needs met for all.

**Love:** Our sisterhood of grace and our embodiment of justice

**In Action:** We find fulfillment of Faith. Hope. Love in the name of Jesus Christ.

Online registration for the event begins June 1, 2009 at [www.umwmission.org](http://www.umwmission.org). Assembly registration includes all plenary sessions and worship; full access to exhibits, workshops, panel discussions and performances; and a limited-edition tote bag with Assembly materials such as an Assembly Program Book and Assembly 2010 commemorative pin.

### Assembly 2010 Highlights

**Pre-Conference Events:** In addition to the full Assembly program, Assembly 2010 will offer pre-conference events on April 29: Ubuntu Day of Service and Mission Forward Symposium. A Zulu word meaning "I am human because you are human," Ubuntu Day of Service is a mission service opportunity in the St. Louis community. The Mission Forward Symposium offers a series of panels on mission, history, vocation and the future of mission.

**Worship:** Assembly 2010 will be a diverse gathering of women of faith. The worship of United Methodist Women is a creative celebration that weaves together song, story, and performance from cultures across the globe.

**Workshops:** Participants will study the complex factors that contribute to many social issues and address how Christians can effectively respond and act for change. Topics will cover issues most affecting women and children, such as human rights, the environment, economic justice and health care.

**Columbia District United Methodist Women  
 Thirty-Seventh Annual Meeting  
 September 19, 2009**

**Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church**

Guest Speaker: Mary Johnson

Registration: 8:15 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.  
 Program: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

\*\*\*Registration Form\*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \$12.00 per person: \_\_\_\_\_ Late Registration: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Special Guest: Deaconess: \_\_\_\_\_ Past District President: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Registration Due: September 09, 2009\*\*\***

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Columbia District UMW

Mail to: Alfa Tisdale  
 706 Langford Road  
 Blythewood, SC 29016

Child Care: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ How many children? \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Note: All children need to bring a bag lunch and drinks will be provided.

Any questions, call Alfa Tisdale at (803) 754-9417  
 Individual registrations forms needed

*“Starry Night”*  
*Killingsworth Gala 2009*

Thursday, November 12, 2009  
 6:00pm — 9:00pm



**Seawell's**  
 1125 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, SC  
 (across from SC State Fairgrounds)

6:00 pm — Silent Auction Preview  
 6:45 pm — Seated Dinner and Music

7:30 pm — Silent Auction, Fashions and Door Prizes

Music by  
**The Dick  
 Goodwin  
 Quartet**

Reservations are required and must include payment in the form of a check payable to Killingsworth. We encourage early registrations since Gala seating is limited. Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt. Table assignments are made in the order in which paid reservations are received. Tickets go on sale September 8th and will be mailed to the contact person noted on the reservation form below. We regret that because of catering guarantees we cannot provide refunds if you are unable to attend.

- ★ **Corporate Star Sponsor Level** — \$2,000: Center stage seating for eight (8) and special recognition.
- ★ **North Star Table Sponsor** — \$500: Preferential seating for eight (8) near the runway and special recognition.
- ★ **Morning Star Table Sponsor** — \$350: Reserved table for eight (8).
- ★ **Individual Star** — \$45: Reserved seating.
- ★ **Resident Star Benefactor** — \$45: This will enable a Killingsworth Resident to attend the Gala.
- ★ **I am unable to attend the Gala**, but I want to support Killingsworth and have included a contribution.

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets should be mailed to: (Please Print)

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Table Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form and  
 your payment to :**

**Killingsworth Home  
 1831 Pendleton Street  
 Columbia, SC 29201**

Questions? Phone 803.771.6359

# *NOTE From the Vice President*



“Come to the Table” is this year’s theme for the Columbia District’s 37th Annual Meeting to be held September 19, 2009 at Asbury United Methodist Church. Our guest speaker will be our own Mary Johnson, who is the current President of the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women. She is a dynamic speaker and has a voice like an angel. So, ladies please mark your calendars and plan to be in attendance of this year’s annual meeting. Registration begins at 8:15 am and the program starts at 9:00 am. The cost of lunch is \$12.00 and a registration form for this event is enclosed in this newsletter.

I want to say thank you for your love and support during my first term as your Vice President. I have learned so much and still need to learn much more. May we all live to glorify our Lord and may our lights shine brilliantly for Him!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Vice President.

*Carole Ready*

Carole Ready,  
VP UMW

## **Program Resources**

By Pat Gundler

I know you have all been busy reading during this long, hot and dry summer. Remember all the study books for School of Mission are on the reading list. If you were unable to attend the school, please try to read the study books. The study for Sudan will give you a better understanding of UMCOR and how local churches can partner to make a difference in the lives of the people of Sudan. The study of food and faith helps one appreciate the gift of food, fasting as a part of worship, and the importance of Communion to each individual.

Just a quick reminder, reading reports from each unit will be due February 20. Please submit the names and program completed for each reader. I do not need the names of the books read by each person. A reporting form will be in the next edition of Gleanings.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2009

<b>September</b>		<i><b>Killingsworth Home Special Emphasis</b></i>
	<b>19</b>	<b>Columbia District Annual Meeting – Asbury Memorial UMC</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>9-10</b>	<b>South Carolina Conference UMW Annual Meeting Hartsville District - Trinity UMC, Sumter, S.C.</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>Columbia District Executive Committee Mtg. – Grace UMC</b>
<b>November</b>		<i><b>Bethlehem Center – Spartanburg Special Emphasis</b></i>
	<b>6</b>	<b>World Community Day – Church Women United – Ebenezer Lutheran</b>
	<b>7</b>	<b>South Carolina Conference UMW Training for District Officers -- Chapin UMC, Chapin, S.C.</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>Killingsworth Holiday Gala – Seawell’s</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Killingsworth Christmas Open House</b>
	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Columbia Bethlehem Center Walk- A- Thon</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Columbia District UMW Officers Training - Grace UMC</b>
	<b>19</b>	<b>Columbia District Executive Committee Meeting Rehoboth (Columbia)</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Columbia District UMW Day Apart Retreat Francis Burns UMC</b>

# Columbia District United Methodist Women 2010 Slate of Officers

- President** ..... Betty Void (Wesley)
- Vice President** ..... Carole Ready (Platt Springs)
- Secretary** ..... Betty Comer (Virginia Wingard)
- Treasurer** ..... Alfa Tisdale (Francis Burns)
- Communications Coordinator** ..... Sandra Love (Grace)\*\*
- Spiritual Growth Coordinator** ..... Vikki Hill (Brookland)
- Social Action Coordinator** ..... Carol Krebs (Bethel)
- Membership Nurture & Outreach** ..... Florine Brown (Francis Burns)
- Education and Interpretation Coordinator** ..... Laurely Nance (Washington Street)
- Secretary of Program Resources** ..... Pat Gundler (Chapin)
- Historian** ..... Erica Chalmers (ID Quincy Newman)
- Committee on Nominations**  
**Chair) Class of 2011** ..... Jan Harmon (Washington St.)
- Members Committee on Nominations**  
**Class of 2010** ..... Gwen Gibson (ID Newman)
- Class of 2012** ..... Mae Blume (Greene Street)
- Class of 2013** ..... Cindy Ballenger (Greenbrier)\*\*
- Class of 2013** ..... Faye Love (Bluff Road)\*\*
- Class of 2013** ..... Pay Key (Rehoboth/Leesville)\*\*
- Class of 2013** ..... Pearl Allen (College Place)\*\*
- Cluster Leaders**
- Cluster 1** ..... Connie Brock (Lexington)
- Cluster 2** ..... Carolyn Chitwood (Mt. Hebron)
- Cluster 3** ..... Linda Dickerson (Virginia Wingard)
- Cluster 4** ..... Donna Pearman (Shandon)
- Cluster 5** ..... Addie Mae Jones (Rehoboth)
- Cluster 6** ..... Frankie Bowman (Trinity/Blythewood )

\*\* New Officers

## A First Timer: Report of 2009 School of Christian Mission

Dr. Colleen Perry Keith, the new president of Spartanburg Methodist College, welcomed 270 women of mission to Spartanburg Methodist College for the 2009 School of Christian Mission.: “Together at the Table.” All 12 Districts of the SC Conference were represented and included 66 “first timers.”

At the “Table” of our three studies, we examined our need to be in communion with God and community with one another. *Food, Faith and Me*, the Spiritual Growth Study, revealed through scripture, fun, and sharing our complex relationships with food. We came to understand that God has provided an abundant table and that it will be enough. During the mission study, *Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival*, participants committed to understanding indigenous people, by exploring myths and scrutinizing issues related to education, economic development, gaming and disease. *The Beauty and Courage of Sudan: Why a Dream of Peace is Possible*, the second mission study, began with geography and history lessons. Students learned the significance of drought and war on the people. Hope for the country is being enhanced through the ways Sudanese women are influencing the peace process.

Each of the studies was conducted as a small group in depth class over four days covering nine hours. While participants choose an in depth study, there were many opportunities to explore the other mission opportunities. A daily plenary was devoted to one of the study topics, short courses gave a one hour snapshot of each course and the daily AV session also showed videos associated with each course. Finally, the SMC dining facility, Sodexo even did their best and provided a cultural dining experience of Sudanese food for dinner on Friday.

God’s glory surrounded us each morning with glorious sun rises as we attended Morning Watch or walked around the campus. The Rev. Candace Sloan, SMC Chaplain, conducted a daily Bible Study relating stories of the Bible to our mission studies. Transportation throughout the event was provided by many of our Conference Officers driving golf carts around the campus.

I was one of those “First Timers” (new not only to the School of Christian Mission but also to South Carolina) and at times felt confused and lost on the campus and by the ‘jargon’. The experience was enhanced by friendly faces and women engaged in common purpose of finding grace and hope through mission in communion and community at the “Table”. Many thanks to the Columbia District for granting me the opportunity to attend the 2009 School of Christian Mission. I look forward to sharing future mission opportunities with many of you.

Gay Winter, Ashland UMC

# Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

This was the theme of the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center's Summer Camp. On Saturday, August 8, 2009 five soap box derby cars lined up for the Zoom, Zoom, Zoom Summer Camp Soapbox Derby Race. It was the highlight of camp and marked the end of another successful summer with the children. In helping to build the five cars, the children used math, science and art skills learned at camp. The street was crowded with parents and neighbors. Rick Henry from WIS-TV was on hand for the events. A bake sale fund raiser added to the event. At the end trophies were awarded and the King and Queen of Summer Camp were crowned.

Many changes are in place for the Annual Walk-A-Thon. A new place, a new date and more activities are planned. We think the changes will work for us in having another successful fundraising event. Letters with all the details will be ready to give the UMW presidents at the September 19 Annual Meeting. We love you and depend on your support of the Columbia Bethlehem Community Center.

A very special thank you to the SC UMW Conference for the donation of \$13,000. And to the School of Christian Mission for the gift of \$600. Just when things were looking dark again, here came the answer to prayers. Through out the year UMW units across the state have made a difference with their prayers and contributions. Thank you, ladies of the United Methodist Women for your generous giving. The Columbia Bethlehem Community Center thrives on your goodness.

God Bless You,  
Betty Comer

## Church Women United Fall Meetings

Both meetings begin with registration and refreshments at 10:30.  
The program will be from 11:00 - 12:00

**Friday, October 2**

**Human Rights Celebration (Our New Celebration)**

Northminster Presbyterian  
6717 David Street, Columbia

**Friday, November 6**

**World Community Day**

Ebenezer Lutheran Church  
Richland & Sumter Streets, Columbia

Please bring food or monetary donations for Harvest Hope.

Please join us as we fellowship with Christian women of other denominations  
and become a part of this worthwhile organization.

## United Methodist Women Southeastern Jurisdiction Leadership Team Scholarship Form for Assembly 2010

A partial scholarship will be provided in the amount of \$500.00.  
Criteria for the scholarship(s) are as follows:

1. A United Methodist Woman that has never attended Assembly.
2. The individual selected cannot be a district or conference officer.

Please provide the following information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code & Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a brief paragraph below telling why you would like to attend Assembly.

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Please return this form or email no later than November 1, 2009 to:

Margie Caldwell, Treasurer  
709 – 11th Avenue  
Pleasant Grove, AL 35127  
205-529-1797

Email: [msmargie@hotmail.com](mailto:msmargie@hotmail.com)

# Social Action

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The arrival of fall always means “back to school” for our children and back to “schools” as a Social Action focus for United Methodist Women. Both The Social Principles and The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church attest to a long history of our denomination’s support for a strong public education system; John Wesley himself was dedicated to the education of poor and underprivileged children. Unfortunately, our state has not seen its commitment to education as clearly. Both legislature and court system are still playing “hot potato” with who will define “minimally adequate” when it comes to public education. The rest of us are wondering why our state would settle for “minimally adequate” in the first place! If your UMW unit or congregation has not yet addressed this issue, check out the website: [www.goodbyeminimallyadequate.com](http://www.goodbyeminimallyadequate.com). The Corridor of Shame documentary is now available at your public library. Everyone ought to view it.

Until we have a clear idea on how we can further offer our voice to influence public policy, there are other important ways to support education.

Schools are always in need of volunteers. Opportunities are varied and range from assisting a child in specific skills to providing simple encouragement as a lunchroom pal. Office help is always appreciated. Call your local school district or nearby school. Hours are usually flexible.

Children learn best when they don’t come to school hungry. Harvest Hope sponsors two highly successful programs: Kids Cafés provide after-school activities, mentoring, and nutritious meals for children identified as at-risk-of-hunger; the Backpack Program sends nutritious child-friendly food home in backpacks on Fridays as weekend meal supplements. There are several distribution sites in the area. Financial contributions keep these programs going. Call Harvest Hope (254-4432) or visit their website: <http://www.harvesthope.org/programsservices/kidscafe.aspx>

Supporting the Starfish Initiative is another way that you can make a difference in a child’s life. New and gently used books are being collected by Main Street UMC for distribution to school libraries in some of the poorest rural areas of our state. Books for all reading levels from pre-school to adult are needed. (Religious books are understandably not appropriate for school libraries.)

Many adults somehow missed out on learning to read as a child and are anxious to catch up. Turning Pages (765-2555) is a local organization that tutors adults in reading, writing, math, and other basic skills and non-native speakers in English. Volunteers are the heart of this endeavor!

September is Special Emphasis Month for Killingsworth, a centrally located supervised residential home for women who are learning - and living out - a new lifestyle after some very big mistakes they made in the past. The needs list of Killingsworth is long: groceries, paper goods, cleaning supplies, personal toiletries, office supplies, stamps, and financial contributions. One of the most valued gifts is a booklet of bus tickets, which is passed on to new residents. Women in transition need transportation to a job as urgently as they need that job! A book of bus tickets can get them to work until that first paycheck comes in. Volunteers are also needed at Killingsworth to answer the door and phone and to be a “big sister,” listening to and encouraging women who may be learning about and experiencing healthy relationships for the first time in life.

And, don’t neglect your own “continuing” education! The UMW Reading Program offers lots of excellent recommended books, both fiction and non-fiction, for a wide variety of interests (spiritual growth, missions, nurturing for community, social action) that will greatly expand your horizons, deepen your faith, and increase your commitment to Christ and His Church. Check it out.

Carol Krebs,  
Columbia District UMW Social Action Coordinator  
[cakrebsumw@aol.com](mailto:cakrebsumw@aol.com)  
Phone: 782-1092

## UMW 2010 ASSEMBLY- ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

APRIL 30-MAY 2, 2010

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE IN ACTION

COLOSSIANS 1:3-6

### REGISTRATION:

Online registration will be \$215.00 per person until November 20, 2009. After November 30, 2009 at midnight registration will be \$250.00 per person. Paper registration forms mailed via US mail will be \$250.00 from June 2009 through April 10, 2010.

### HOTEL:

I have blocked 25 rooms at the Millennium Hotel (approximately 1 mile from the convention center). The Assembly will provide shuttle to and from the hotel. The cost per night per room will be \$126.00 (\$63.00 per person – double beds).

Your hotel stay in ST Louis MUST be made by Calling MILLENNIUM @ 1-800-325-7353 or 1-314-241-9500

### BUS TRAVELERS:

The cost for the trip to St Louis will be \$155.00 per person (plus hotel cost on the road) with the first payment due by October 10, 2009. Persons may pay all at one time or half by October 10, 2009 with balance due by January 15, 2010.

### CANCELTION POLICY:

NO REFUND GIVEN AFTER JANUARY 15, 2010

### TRAVEL INFORMATION

Because of the distance to travel to St Louis we will leave on Thursday April 29 and return home on Monday, May 3, 2010. The Conference does not start until Friday evening April 30 and end on Sunday at noon May 2, 2010. e will spend one night on the road to St. Louis and one night on the return trip home.

### HOTEL COST ON THE ROAD:

The cost per room for the two nights on the road will be \$146.00 with two people sharing a room. The cost will be \$73.00 per person. The total cost for the bus and the hotel on the road will be \$228.00 with two persons sharing the room.

**AIRFARE:** please go on line to get the best price.

Online registration for the event ...[www.umwmission.org](http://www.umwmission.org) Assembly registration includes all plenary sessions and worship, full access to exhibits, workshops, panel discussions and performances, and a limited edition tote bag with Assembly materials such as an Assembly Program Book and Assembly 2010 commemorative pin.

You may contact Alfa Tisdale, Travel Coordinator at 803-754-9417 with any questions.

**The 37th Annual Meeting of  
The South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women  
October 9 –10, 2009**

Trinity United Methodist Church  
226 West Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150  
**“Called To Carry His Light”**

Our Own Sue Owens will inspire us at our 37th Annual Meeting



Sue Owens was born in Greenville, South Carolina and was raised as a Presbyterian (but says she was obviously pre-destined to become a Methodist!) She graduated from Greenville High School, earned a BS from Winthrop University and an M. Ed. From Converse College. For 29 years Sue taught PE and Health at Whitlock Junior High School, 7th, 8th and 9th graders and has only recently retired. Sue is a member of Liberty United Methodist Church in Spartanburg, SC and is a certified lay speaker and a certified lay speaking instructor for basic lay speaking and worship courses.

Sue has been active in United Methodist Women at all levels. In her local unit she served as President and Vice-president. In the Spartanburg District she served as: Chair of Nominations, Christian Personhood, President and MNO Coordinator. On the Conference she was Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture and Outreach. Additionally she has served on the South Atlantic Regional School of Christian Mission planning team and was Dean, of the South Atlantic Division from 2000 through 2008 and was a member of the Special Committee on Nominations, Women’s Division 2000 and 2004.

You would be hard pressed to find anyone in the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women who does not know and love Sue. Sue is entertaining, delightful and dedicated to the purpose of the United Methodist Women. We as South Carolinians are proud to claim her as our own. We are delighted that she will be the speaker at our 2009 Annual Meeting.

## Get Involved .... Call for stories, talents and skills at Assembly 2010

This is your opportunity to get involved!

### Tell Your Story

Do you have a story about your own personal transformation, your involvement in United Methodist Women, and how Faith • Hope • Love in Action inspires your call to mission? At Assembly 2010 we will celebrate the power of United Methodist Women. Please submit a summary of your story and your contact information to [getinvolved2010@gbgm-umc.org](mailto:getinvolved2010@gbgm-umc.org) by September 15, 2009.

### Showcase Your Talent

Do you write prose or poetry, sing or play an instrument, or do dramatic interpretation or dance? Share your talents via Word document, audio (.mp3) file, or video (.AVI) file (less than 8 MB). Video files can be sent via links from YouTube, Vimeo, etc. All content should be original material created by the submitter and in the public domain. Please submit talents to [getinvolved2010@gbgm-umc.org](mailto:getinvolved2010@gbgm-umc.org).

### Volunteer

We’re calling on you to volunteer at Assembly 2010. Volunteer for several hours or the entire event. We’re looking for:

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|--|--|
| Administrators (with Clerical and Organizational Skills) | Registration Assistance                |
| Greeters   | Resource Distributors                  |
| Hospitality Assistance                                   | Workshop and Mission Trip Facilitators |
| Local Travel Assistance                                  | Writers                                |
| On-site Translators                                      |  |

### Host a House Party

House parties to promote Assembly will be taking place nationwide on two specific dates: October 20, 2009 and February 23, 2010. Be a host and select several of your United Methodist Women friends to help you co-host. House Parties are an opportunity to learn more about Assembly and how to register. To learn more about House Parties, get scripts and sign up to host.

**37th Annual Meeting of the  
South Carolina United Methodist Women  
October 9-10th, 2009**

Trinity United Methodist Church – 226 West Liberty Street, Sumter, SC 29150  
(803)773-9393 (church) or (843) 537-2490 Margaret Stafford Registrar

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> First Time       | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Officer | Clergy   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 40         | <input type="checkbox"/> District Officer   | <input type="checkbox"/> active <input type="checkbox"/> retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth ages 12-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Voting Delegate    | Missionary   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth 15-18      | <input type="checkbox"/> Arriving Friday PM | <input type="checkbox"/> active <input type="checkbox"/> retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Needed   | Number of children _____                    |  |

In case of emergency, please contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Theme: “Called To Carry His Light”      Keynote Speaker: Ms. Sue Owens**

**Registration begins on Friday, October 9th from 2:30 – 5:30 pm.**

**Friday, October 9th Activities: 3:30-5:30 pm**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sumter Tour       | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer for Peace in Sanctuary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner: 5:30-6:30 |                                      |  |

Workshops 6:45-7:45

**Session 1:** Worship Service: 8:00 – 9:00 pm

**Saturday, October 10th** – Registration: 8:00 – 9:30 am

Workshops – 8:30-9:30 am

**Session 2:** General Business – 10:00 – 12:00 pm in Auditorium

Lunch – 12:00 – 1:00

**Session 3:** General Business – 1:00 – 3:00 pm

**Send Registration along with \$25.00 fee (payable to SCCUMW) to:  
Margaret Stafford, Registrar at 6357 Teals Mill Rd., Cheraw, SC 29520  
Registration DEADLINE: September 17, 2009**

The voting body (delegates) of the Annual Meeting of the Conference organization shall be composed of representatives from the units of local churches\*, district and conference officers, resident bishop, chairperson or committees, past presidents, past conference secretaries of the Wesleyan Service Guild, deaconesses, retired missionaries, and deaconesses residing within the bounds of the conference, member of the Women’s Division and officer of the Jurisdiction Organization Office and members of the Committee on Nomination.

\*Its president or her duly elected alternate shall represent each local unit. Also, each local unit may elect additional voting delegates as follows:  
1) Under 100 members: one additional delegate; 2) Over 100 member: two additional delegates.